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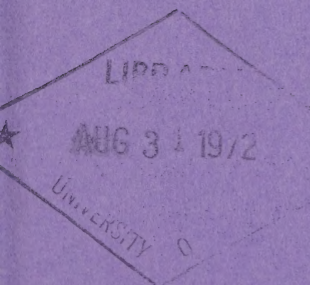


## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Abstract

When hunting or transporting migratory game birds, you must have on your person a valid Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence.

The permit is available at post offices for \$2.



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# **Regulations for hunters of migratory game birds**

## **Equipment**

- No person shall hunt using a shotgun of any kind capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined ; a rifle or shotgun loaded with a single bullet ; or any weapon other than a long bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- No person shall have with him, for his own use, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is disassembled or unloaded and cased.
- No person shall shoot from any aircraft, sailboat, power boat, or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached.
- No person shall use a boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb birds with the object of driving them towards a hunter.
- No person shall use live birds as decoys, or recorded bird calls.

## **Time**

- No person shall hunt at any time throughout the year except during the open season as described in the schedule.
- No person shall hunt during any day after he has taken his bag limit.
- No person shall hunt earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset.

## **Place**

- No person shall hunt within one-quarter mile of any area baited with grain or other food.

## **Retrieval**

- It is permitted to retrieve a dead or injured migratory game bird by the use of a power boat.
- No person shall kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it and include it in his daily bag limit. The retrieved bird shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's daily bag limit.

## **Possession and transport**

- No person shall possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing and the plumage thereof remains attached to the bird. Such a wing and plumage may be removed
  - a. when the bird is prepared for immediate cooking, or,
  - b. after the bird is taken to the residence of the owner for preservation.

## **Eggs and nests**

- No person shall take, injure, or destroy the eggs or nests of migratory birds at any time.

## Uses

- No person shall buy or sell migratory birds or their eggs or nests.
- No person shall waste or wantonly dispose of a migratory game bird killed or retrieved by him or in his possession.

## Provincial regulations

- Hunters of migratory game birds are advised to check provincial regulations for additional restrictions.

### Open seasons – All dates inclusive

Area	Mourning Doves
Provincial Management Areas 4 to 11 inclusive, 13 to 16 inclusive, 18 and 19	Sept 1 to Oct 22
	Band-tailed Pigeons
Provincial Management Areas 1 to 8 inclusive, 12 to 26 inclusive	Sept 1 to Oct 22

### Bag and possession limits

	Ducks	Geese	Rails and Wilson's Snipe	Coots	Band-tailed Pigeons	Mourning Doves
Daily bag	8	5 a.	10	25	10	10
Possession	16	10 b.	20	—	20	20

a. Of which not more than 4 may be Black Brant.

b. Of which not more than 8 may be Black Brant.



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### Open seasons – All dates inclusive

Area	Ducks, coots, and rails		Black Brant	Snow Geese	Other geese	Wilson's Snipe
	No. 1 (P.M.A. 1 & 24)	Oct 7 to Jan 7	Dec 25 to Mar 10 * Mar 1 to Mar 10	Oct 7 to Jan 7	Oct 7 to Jan 7	Oct 7 to Jan 7
No. 2 (P.M.A. 2, 3, 17 & 23)	Oct 7 to Jan 7	Dec 2 to Mar 10	Oct 7 to Dec 3 and Feb 3 to Mar 10	Oct 7 to Jan 7	Oct 7 to Jan 7	
No. 3 (P.M.A. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15)	Sept 16 to Dec 17	No open season	Sept 16 to Dec 17	Sept 16 to Dec 17	Sept 16 to Dec 17	Sept 16 to Dec 17
No. 4 (P.M.A. 9 & 11)	Sept 9 to Dec 10	No open season	Sept 9 to Dec 10	Sept 1 to Dec 3	Sept 9 to Dec 10	Sept 9 to Dec 10
No. 5 (P.M.A. 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 25)	Sept 9 to Dec 10	No open season	Sept 9 to Dec 10	Sept 9 to Dec 10	Sept 9 to Dec 10	Sept 9 to Dec 10
No. 6 (P.M.A. 26, 27 & 28)	Sept 1 to Nov 26	No open season	Sept 1 to Nov 26	Sept 1 to Nov 26	Sept 1 to Nov 26	Sept 1 to Nov 26

\* P M A 1 only


### Penalty

Every person who violates any provision of this act or any regulation shall, for each offence, be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$300. and not less than \$10., or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

### Note

The above is a summary of the law. For complete information write

Director, Canadian Wildlife Service,  
Department of the Environment,  
Ottawa, Ontario.



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